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## INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

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Property/District Name: CARROLL PARK SHOPS VINTED RAILWAY Survey Number: BA-1025
Project: WASHINGTON BLVD BUS FACILITY Agency: UMTA/MTA
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riteria: A_B_C_D Considerations: _A_B_C_D_E_F_G_None
fustification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)
Washington Boulevard Bus Facility. This parcel was developed by the United Railway and Electric Company in 1903. The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties contains specific information regarding this transportation complex. Enclosed you will find the Maryland Inventory form (BA-1025) which includes an architectural description of the property as well as a discussion of the historical significance of the complex. The Maryland Historical Trust believes that the Carroll Park Shops of the United Railway and Electric Company are eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A for the following reasons: The Carroll Park shops represent a significant period in transportation history. Mas the predominant form of urban
transportation at the turn of the twentieth century, the streetcar provided inexpensive and reliable transportation to the urban masses. In 1899, the United Rail and Electric Company consolidated most of Baltimore's independent streetcar companies and provided uniform service and rates. The company constructed the Carroll Park Shops to service and manage its large fleet of streetcars. The building complex, designed by the notable Baltimore architectural firm of Baldwin and Pennington, reflected specific functional requirements to accommodate repair, maintenance, and management of the streetcars.
ocumentation on the property/district is presented in: MD INVENTORY OF H.P. AND
COMPLIFICE PROJECT FILE - UNDER PROJECT NAME NOTED ABOUE
repared by:
LAUREN BOWLIN 3-18-91
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#### MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I.	Geographic Region:	
<u> </u>	Eastern Shore Western Shore	<pre>(all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil) (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)</pre>
-V	Piedmont	(Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll,
	Western Maryland	Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery) (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)
II.	Chronological/Developmental Pe	eriods:
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V. Re	esource Type:	
	Category: BUILDINGS (	8 CAR SHEDS)
	Historic Environment: JRBA	× N
	Historic Function(s) and Use(s	): STREETCAR REPAIR FACILITY -
	TRANSPORTATION	
	Known Design Source: BALD	WIN + PENHINGTON

United Railway & Electric Carroll Park Shops B-1025 Baltimore City, Maryland public, 1903

Statement of Significance

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# State Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

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Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Though designed by the Baltimore firm of Baldwin and Pennington, architects of Mt. Royal Station, the Carroll Park Shops are as much the result of a study by United Railway and Electric of shops across the country in 1901. As a result of this investigation, the architects were charged with producing a design including "plenty of floor space, plenty of light, and plenty of air and ventilation". The solution was two groups of four adjacent buildings, each having

a clear floor space of 96 feet.

Each of the eight car sheds is a brick masonry structure with a gabled roof and monitor. The monitor is fifty feet above the concrete floor and the roof is slate, supported on a modified Warren truss. The last truss diagonal is extended below the bottom chord and anchored in the wall below to a vertical post, creating essentially a steel frame. This frame is clad in an elegant brick veneer which creates the overall appearance of a horse barn rather than a functional industrial building. This is especially true at each gable end where the pediment is emphasized by a prominent eaves molding and contains a Palladian-type set of windows.

The car shop was originally designed for the complete over-haul of electric streetcars and contained woodworking, metalworking, electrical and paint shops. It was only prevented from building its own cars by its lack of a foundry. The northeastern set of buildings contained the shop offices in the shed bordering Washington Boulevard. The other three sheds contained the paint and varnish shops and a car barn for inside storage. Small jobs such as cleaning and cosmetic repairs were probably done here as well as total reconditioning.

West and south of the paint shops is the remaining four shed complex which housed the carpentry shop, the electrical shop and the machine shop. The carpentry shop was capable of performing all the work of a millwork shop. It was completely equipped with "lathes, moulders, sanders, spindle shapers, mortising machines and saws of a dozen varieties". In the electrical shop trucks were removed from the cars to have their motors rewound or otherwise repaired. If the wheels needed repair they were taken to the machine shop which occupied the last shed to the southwest.

Almost as important as the shops themselves was the organization of the whole site to facilitate the orderly flow of work. The complex was located near the main line of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad and had its own spur to ship cars and materials with ease. Within the yard numerous spurs led to the sheds, each of which had five or six tracks. Between the two complexes was a

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8. Significance

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Level of Significance: national state local

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The United Railway & Electric Company (UR&E) was formed in 1899 as a consolidation of a number of independent Baltimore streetcar companies. While the separate companies had been in operation, the Baltimore street railway system had had many problems. Fare rates were not uniform, and many lines were in direct competition, having similar routes. The UR & E established a single fare rate within the city and a system of free transfers. Duplicate streetcar lines were eliminated and service on each line improved. By combining a number of companies, the UR &E also had more capital to expend on new equipment, repairs, and expansion.

Maintenance of the entire city's streetcar system was an enormous job. Brakes and motors had to be inspected on a regular basis, and routine repair work performed on the streetcars. In 1903, the UR & E built a huge set of shops on Washington Blvd., across from Carrol Park, to be used for maintenance and repair. There was a paint shop, mill shop, machine and blacksmith shop, and an electric shop. Ten miles of parallel track ran outside the shops to facilitate the handling of the streetcars. There was also a large car storage area.

As buses became more popular, streetcar use declined. In 1935, the UR &E went bankrupt, and was taken over by the

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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transfer table which moved back and forth shuttling cars from track to track, expediting the flow of work. Some tracks had pits to allow mechanics to work comfortably underneath. Most of the machines were individually powered by electric motors, thereby eliminating the cumbersome shaft and pulley transmission and further increasing efficiency. Individual machines could be located where needed instead of near the central power shaft. In spite of their elegant barn-like appearance, the shops were models of up-to-date engineering efficiency. When the bus replaced streetcars in the sixties, the transfer table and tracks were removed, but the shops themselves were easily adapted to bus repair because of the flexibility which was built into them in 1903.

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Baltimore Transit Company, who operated both buses and streetcars. They continued to use the Carroll Park Shops, adding bus repair work to the activities there.

In 1964, the streetcar system in Baltimore closed down and was replaced entirely by buses. The Carroll Park Shops remained open to service these buses, although some of their operations relating to the electric streetcars had become obsolete.

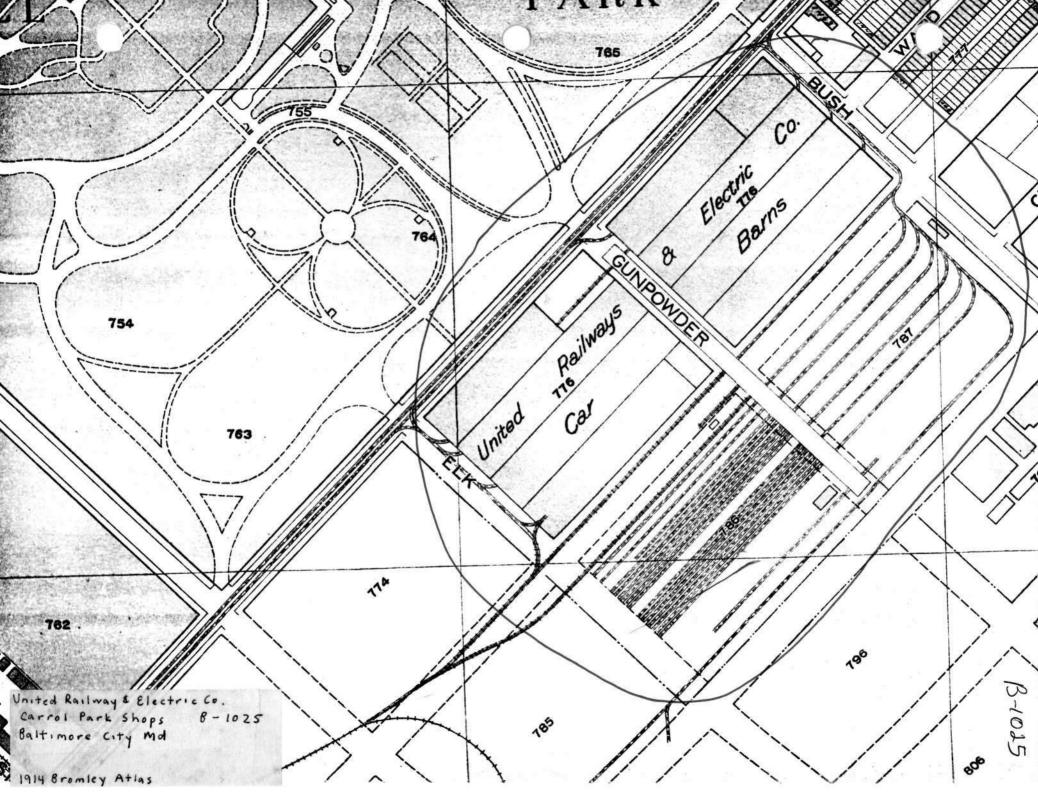
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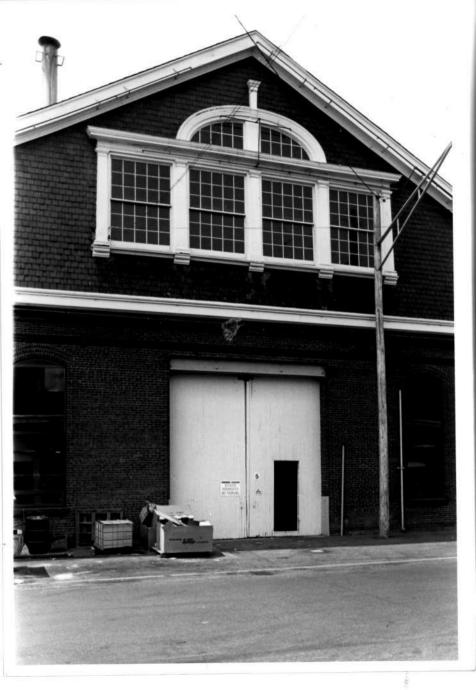
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Carroll Park Shops of United Railways & Electric Company Baltimore, Maryland public (restricted)

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#### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Carroll Park Shops, occupying ca. eight blocks, are located south of Washington Boulevard and west of Bush Street in Baltimore City, Maryland. They consist of two immense single story steel frame, masonry, and wood blocks, each 400' long and 96' wide, which parallel Washington Boulevard and formally mirror each other across a 700' open space. Along their longitudinal axis each is divided equally into three sheds defined by their own moderately pitched gable roofs, ca. fifty feet high, and common masonry fire walls. Roofs are supported by structural systems consisting of modified Fink trusses. Astride the ridge line of each shed rise three monitors with hip roofs and continuous industrial sash glazing along the sides. Piercing the roof at regular intervals on either side of the monitors are numerous skylights. Each gable end is distinguished by a modified Serlian window with pressed metal surrounds and four 15/15 double hung sash windows, the center pair surmounted by an elliptical fan light and prominent keystone. (Some of these openings have since been covered with sheets of metal.) Corners and shed divisions are marked by brick pilasters, while a continuous elaborate corbeled brick cornice encircles each building. Prominent brick buttresses divide side walls into twenty-three bays. An exception occurs on the north shed of the west building which is seven bays shorter than the others. Each bay contains a pair of elongated round arch reveals, stone sills, and 12/12 double hung sash windows, most of which have been replaced with glass block. Piercing the end walls of each shed are six similar windows and an overhead door. Additional doors have since replaced some of the windows. The most extensive alteration has been made to the north shed of the east building. Recent additions project from both the middle of the north facade and the west end. Furthermore, the Serlian windows and monitors are missing.

Originally the open space between buildings contained a transfer table, a steel and wood plane fitted with numerous tracks which were extensions of those which entered the bays of each building. The table moved laterally on four widely spaced rails such that a car could be run from any track in any shed to any other track.

Walls are sheathed in brick; the gable ends, dormers, and roof in shingles (originally slate).

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	trical engineer)

The Carroll Park Shops were the centralized fabricating, maintenance, and storage plant for the recently consoidated street railway system of Baltimore. (In 1899 City Passenger Railway and Consolidated Railway merged to form United Railways & Electric Company.) When built, the shops were the largest such facility in the United States. They included: a large car barn, a paint shop, two erecting shops, and a nearby foundry and lumber yard.

The architects, E. Francis Baldwin (1837-1916) and Josias Pennington (1854-1929) were principals in a prominent Baltimore firm (1883-1918). Their works included the Maryland Club (1893), the Fidelity Building (1894), and the Mount Royal Station (1896).

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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Quadrangle Scale: 1:24 000

UTM References:

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#### VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

See Baltimore City plat, ward 21, section 5, block 773, sheet 1.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

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## **11** FORM PREPARED BY

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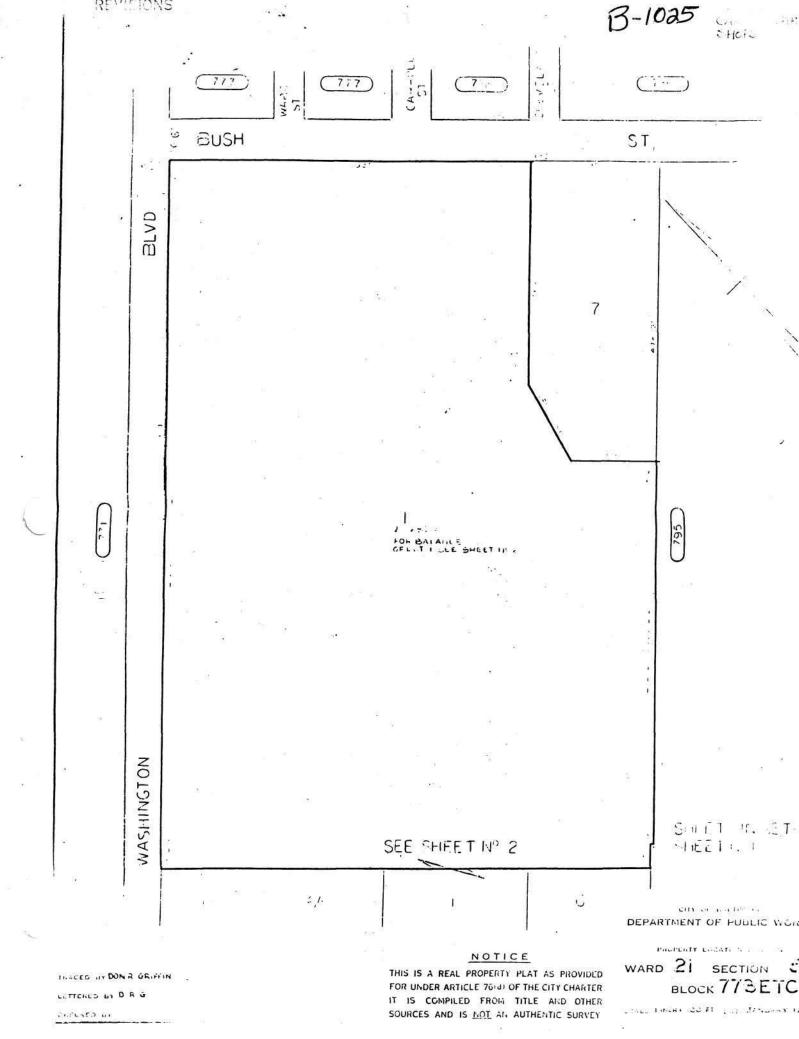
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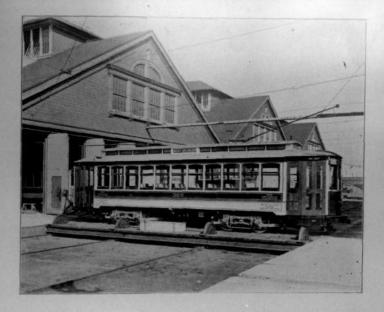
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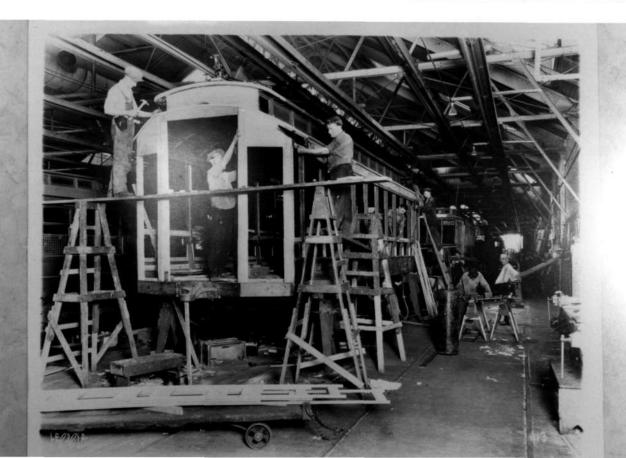


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